

UCBeyond® 2026 Scholarship Program

HELPING STUDENTS REACH BEYOND THEIR INFLAMMATORY DISEASE



Purpose and Award

UCB Canada Inc. is a global biopharmaceutical company committed to developing innovative treatments for inflammatory diseases, such as: rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, psoriasis, hidradenitis suppurativa, ankylosing spondylitis, and non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis. UCB Canada Inc. is dedicated to creating unique programs and tools to aid patients in reaching above and beyond the boundaries of their disease and fulfilling their educational ambitions. Now in its nineteenth year, the UCBeyond Scholarship Program has allocated 225 scholarships and approximately \$1,125,000 CAD.

Eligibility Requirements

This program is designed for applicants of any age. Applicants must be:

- A legal and permanent resident of Canada;
- Diagnosed with a chronic inflammatory arthritic disease by a physician;
- Seeking an associate's, undergraduate, or graduate degree from a Canadian university; a diploma or certificate from a Canadian college; or enrolled in a Canadian trade school education program.
- A student who demonstrates academic ambition and embraces a way of life that goes above and beyond the boundaries of living with inflammatory arthritis;
- Enrolled in or awaiting acceptance from a Canadian-based institution of higher education for the fall/winter semester of 2026/2027; and
- Has not received the UCBeyond Scholarship before.

The Selection of Recipients and Determination of the Scholarship Amount

Selection of recipients will be at the sole discretion of an independent selection committee, comprised of medical professionals and patient representatives. Winners will be notified during the month of November 2026 via a personal telephone call and a confirmation email. After a winner's educational enrollment has been verified for the fall/winter semester of 2026/2027, the scholarship cheque will be made payable to and directly deposited into the recipient's bank account. Individual scholarship

amounts will be awarded up to \$5,000 CDN to cover the recipient's tuition and/or educational materials and expenses (if a student does not have a minimum of \$5,000 CDN in tuition and educational material costs, the scholarship amount will only cover the actual cost of tuition and/or educational material expenses up to \$5,000 CDN). Please note that the UCBeyond Scholarship may only be awarded once to the same applicant. Employees of UCB Canada Inc. and their immediate family members are not eligible for this scholarship.

Procedures

To apply, please email the following documentation in a single PDF file to info@ucbeyond.ca by **August 21, 2026**.

Please note that sections of the application will need to be completed by the student, a school official or professional colleague, and a healthcare professional. Selection will be based on the following criteria, which must include:

- A one-page essay about how you are living above and beyond the boundaries of inflammatory arthritis to demonstrate academic ambition and personal achievement, and how you would benefit from the Scholarship. Past recipient essays have included a desire for academic achievement, perseverance in the face of living with a chronic inflammatory disease, their financial need and how they will use the scholarship to fund their education, and details of school and community involvement;
- Two (2) one-page letters of recommendation from a teacher, school official, professional colleague or employer, describing your unique qualities and how you embrace a way of life that overcomes the boundaries of living with inflammatory arthritis;
- An official printed or digital academic transcript from your most recent year of education; and
- Confirmation of diagnosis of inflammatory arthritis from your treating physician. UCB Canada Inc. respects the privacy and confidentiality of applications submitted for the UCBeyond Scholarship. The above documentation will be destroyed by UCB Canada Inc. upon selection of the Scholarship recipients.

Student Information (please print or fill out fillable form)

Name _____ Student ID # _____

Home Address (No P.O. Boxes) _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) _____ / _____ / _____

Email Address _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

(To be signed if applicant is 18 years of age or older)

Please enter my application in the UCBeyond 2026 Scholarship Program. I confirm that I am 18 years of age or older and that I meet the eligibility requirements. I certify that I am not a UCB Canada Inc. employee or an immediate family member of a UCB Canada Inc. employee.

Signature _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____

(To be signed by Parent/Guardian if applicant is less than 18 years of age)

Parent/Guardian Permission: I acknowledge that I am the parent or legal guardian of the applicant and, in that capacity, understand the conditions under which he/she is entering his/her application in the UCBeyond 2026 Scholarship Program.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____



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Section I: Academics (To be completed by the student)

Name of post-secondary educational institution _____

What type of degree are you pursuing? Associate's Undergraduate Graduate Certificate Other Degree _____

In what year of your current program will you be in the fall/winter semester of 2026/2027? _____

School Address _____

City _____ Prov. _____ Postal Code _____

Your Address at School (your address in September 2026 if different from page 1) _____

City _____ Prov. _____ Postal Code _____

Honours and Achievements:

All Scholarships/Grants Applied for or Received for your 2026/2027 school year:

Title/Amount _____ Date ____/____/____ Received _____

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(To be completed by your school official, i.e., registrar, school administrator, guidance counselor)

Academic Standing _____

Applicant's Major (not necessary for students completing high school in 2026) _____ Minor (if applicable) _____

Applicant's Grade Point Average _____ on a scale of _____

Signature (School Official) _____

Title _____ Date ____/____/____

Please provide an academic transcript with your application.

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Section II: Recommendations

(To be completed by a teacher, school official, professional colleague or employer)

Please provide two (2) one-page letters of personal recommendation that express the following:

- The nature of your relationship with the applicant
- The applicant's unique qualities and how he/she embraces a way of life that overcomes the boundaries of living with inflammatory arthritis

Section III: Health

(To be completed by a healthcare professional who can confirm the inflammatory arthritis diagnosis)

I certify that this applicant has been diagnosed with inflammatory arthritis and is under my medical care.

Name _____

Office Address _____ City _____

Prov. _____ Postal Code _____ Telephone _____

Signature _____ Credentials _____ Date ____/____/____

Section IV: Documents Provided by the Student Applicant

Please submit a one-page essay about how you are living above and beyond the boundaries of inflammatory arthritis to demonstrate academic ambition and personal achievement and how you would benefit from the scholarship. Please note, essays that exceed one page single spaced, font size smaller than 11pt or margins less than one inch, will not be eligible for consideration.

Section V: Applicant Consent

By signing below, the applicant authorizes UCB Canada Inc. and all their affiliates, if awarded the UCBeyond Scholarship, to publish, copyright, and use the information contained in this application in advertising and other promotional materials without prior approval, including display on the Internet. UCB Canada Inc. is authorized to share the applicant's information and individual story with the mass consumer media. The applicant authorizes UCB Canada Inc. to contact him/her directly and to enter the applicant's contact information into a UCB Canada Inc. patient database for future communications from UCB Canada Inc.

In addition, recipients may be called upon to share their stories with the mass consumer media (print, digital, radio or television) either by phone or in person, about living with inflammatory arthritis to help inspire others struggling to find ways in which to cope with the disease. Participation in the matters outlined in this paragraph is a condition of receiving of the Scholarship. Should the applicant be unwilling or unable to comply with the requirements of this paragraph, an alternate Scholarship recipient may be selected.

Selection of recipients will be at the sole discretion of an independent selection committee, comprised of medical professionals and patient representatives. Winners will be notified during the month of October 2026 via a personal telephone call and a confirmation email. After a winner's educational enrollment has been verified for the fall/winter semester of 2026/2027, the scholarship cheque will be made payable to and directly sent to the recipient. Individual scholarship amounts will be awarded up to \$5,000 CDN to cover the recipient's tuition and/or educational materials and expenses (if a student does not have a minimum of \$5,000 CDN in tuition and educational material costs, the scholarship amount will only cover the actual cost of tuition and/or educational material expenses up to \$5,000 CDN). Please note that the UCBeyond Scholarship may only be awarded once to the same applicant. Employees of UCB Canada Inc. and their immediate family members are not eligible for this scholarship.

By signing, the applicant consents to the collection and use of his/her personal information as provided and authorizes the school to share information with UCB Canada Inc. and its affiliates regarding the number of classes left to complete his/her degree and the cost per class and other information necessary to process the Scholarship.

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

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Checklist for submission

- Completed application form
- One-page essay
- Academic transcript
- Confirmation of inflammatory arthritis diagnosis from your treating physician
- Two (2) one-page letters of personal recommendation from a teacher, school official, professional colleague or employer
- Please combine all files into one PDF file and submit one single PDF application document by email to info@ucbeyond.ca

How did you learn about the UCBeyond Scholarship Program?

- Doctor's Office
- Media
- Social Media (Facebook)
- Internet
- The Arthritis Society
- Canadian Spondylitis Association
- Other (please specify) _____

Have you applied for the UCBeyond Scholarship in the past?

- Yes
- No

Thank you for applying for the UCBeyond 2026 Scholarship Program.
We wish you the best of luck!

Be sure to complete and email the application, in one PDF, to info@ucbeyond.ca by **July 27, 2026**.

For more information, please contact:

UCBeyond Scholarship Program

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